



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kubota *et al.*

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For: METHODS OF ISOLATING BIPOTENT
HEPATIC PROGENITOR CELLS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, for three-months from March 17, 2004 up to and including June 17, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check for \$475.00 to cover the fees for the extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

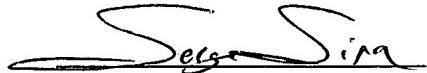
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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